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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lolavekar, Santosh C., et al.

Serial No. 10/051,396 Group Art Unit: 2474

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Title: Virtualization in a Storage System

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 27, 2009.

The Examiner's allowance of Claims 19 - 23 is noted with appreciation.

Because of a firm belief that the cited prior art does not and cannot render the claims obvious, and that various rejections are in error, the claims have not been amended. Rather, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 are traversed for the reasons set out in detail below, and it is submitted that the claims are allowable as written.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.